

# United States Senate

BARBARA A. MIKULSKI

Dear Academy Applicant:

Thank you for contacting me regarding a nomination to one of the United States Service Academies. It is my pleasure to provide you with all the information required to apply for my nomination.

Making nominations to the Service Academies is one of my most important responsibilities as a United States Senator. I trust you are applying for one of these nominations because it is your wish and desire to be a career officer in the United States Armed Forces or an individual dedicated to serving the interests of our nation as a Merchant Mariner. I am very proud of my nominees and their commitment to our country.

## 1. Minimum Requirements

All applicants must meet the following basic criteria in order to be considered for my nomination:

- You must be a citizen of the United States and domiciled in Maryland. Domicile is defined as a person's fixed, permanent and principal home. You are domiciled in Maryland if your parent, legal guardian or you vote and file state income tax returns in Maryland.
- Applicants to the Air Force, Military or Naval Academies must never have been married nor have any dependents.
- You must be at least 17 years of age, but not older than 23 years of age by July 1, 2007 to apply to the Air Force, Military or Naval Academies. For the Merchant Marine Academy, you must be at least 17 years of age and not have passed your 25<sup>th</sup> birthday on July 1, 2007.

## 2. How are Nominees Selected?

- Service Academies make the final decision on appointments.

Admission to the Academies is determined by each Academy. In addition to seeking my nomination, you must contact the Admissions Officer at each Academy directly to initiate a pre-candidate file. All applicants who fully complete my application requirements will be interviewed by my Service Academy review board. This distinguished group of Marylanders makes recommendations for my nominations. No applicant will receive an interview with my board unless a file is open at the Service Academies stated in this application.

## 3. Facts and Figures

- Last year over 600 students opened an application folder in my office and 250 students were interviewed.
- Over 65% of students listed the US Naval Academy as their first choice.
- 20% listed the US Air Force Academy as their first choice.
- 12% listed the US Military Academy as their first choice.
- 3% listed the US Merchant Marine Academy as their first choice.

As you can see from the above statistics, it is to your distinct advantage to apply to more than one Academy.

#### 4. Completing the application

*A completed application must be received in my Annapolis office by 5pm on November 9th, 2006 to receive consideration for nomination.*

*Please do not send your application in pieces.*

- Forms requiring signature
  - Applicant Contract – to be signed by applicant
  - Affidavit of Domicile – to be signed by parent
  - Principal/Guidance Counselor form – to be signed by Principal or Guidance Counselor and attached to your Official Transcript, which can be included with the application.
  
- You will also need three signed letters of recommendation from
  - One from a math teacher
  - One from a science teacher
  - One from an adult non-family member
  
- **Please either mail or fax the entire application to the following address:**

Justin Hayes

The Office of Senator Barbara A. Mikulski

60 West St – Suite 202

Annapolis, MD 21401-2448

410-263-1016/410-263-5949 fax

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You will be contacted by my office only once to remind you of any outstanding materials.

## 2006 Application for Nomination to a Service Academy

**Senator Barbara A. Mikulski**  
60 West Street, Suite 202  
Annapolis, MD 21401

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### Contact Information

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

HOME ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

COUNTY: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

DOB: \_\_\_\_\_ SSN: \_\_\_\_\_ CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT OR GUARDIAN'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT OR GUARDIAN'S DAYTIME PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

LOCAL NEWSPAPER: \_\_\_\_\_

HIGH SCHOOL: \_\_\_\_\_ SCHOOL PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

IF YOU ARE ATTENDING A COLLEGE OR ACADEMY PREP SCHOOL, PLEASE NAME THE SCHOOL:

\_\_\_\_\_

IF YOU ARE SELECTED FOR A SERVICE ACADEMY, WHICH ACADEMIC AREA DO YOU INTEND TO PURSUE? \_\_\_\_\_

ACADEMY PREFERENCE (PLEASE USE THESE CODES - USAFA, USMMA, USMA, USNA)

\_\_\_\_\_ 1ST CHOICE

\_\_\_\_\_ 3RD CHOICE

\_\_\_\_\_ 2ND CHOICE

\_\_\_\_\_ 4TH CHOICE

INDICATING YOUR PREFERENCES WILL NOT IN ANY WAY AFFECT MY CONSIDERATION OF YOUR FIRST CHOICE; IT WILL, HOWEVER, INCREASE YOUR POTENTIAL FOR A SERVICE ACADEMY NOMINATION.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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## **ESSAY QUESTIONS**

1. HAVE YOU EVER BEEN INVOLVED IN AN HONOR VIOLATION, PLACED ON SCHOOL PROBATION OR DISMISSED FROM SCHOOL? IF SO, PLEASE EXPLAIN AND ATTACH A SCHOOL STATEMENT DETAILING THE RESOLUTION OF THE SITUATION.

2. WHAT EXPERIENCES IN YOUR LIFE HAVE PREPARED YOU FOR THE RIGORS AND DEMANDS OF LIFE AT AN ACADEMY?

**Answers must fit in the space provided.**

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### ESSAY QUESTIONS (CONT.)

3. WHAT IS THE MOST SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION THAT YOU HAVE MADE TO YOUR SCHOOL, CHURCH OR COMMUNITY?

4. ESSAY: In 250 words or less, WHY YOU WOULD LIKE TO ATTEND A UNITED STATES SERVICE ACADEMY. THIS ESSAY SHOULD NOT BE A BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH.

You may use additional paper for question # 4 only. Please make sure to put your name on each additional page.





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## **2006 Application for Nomination to a Service Academy**

### **APPLICANT CONTRACT**

This form is to be completed by the applicant.

As the applicant, I am responsible for the content and deadline of this application.

I certify that the information I have provided in this application is true and complete. I will notify Senator Mikulski promptly if there is any change in any aspect of this application.

No final action will be taken on my application until all required information is received.

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

PRINTED  
NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

### AFFIDAVIT OF DOMICILE

This form is to be completed by the parent or legal guardian of the individual seeking my nomination to a United States Service Academy. If you are not a minor, the form may be completed by you.

This statement establishes that the applicant and his/her parent or guardian is domiciled in the State of Maryland. Domicile is defined as a person's fixed, permanent and principal home for legal purposes.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, being of lawful age (18) and a resident of

\_\_\_\_\_  
(city/county)

Maryland, do on oath and under penalties of perjury, depose and say:

1. That I am the parent entitled to the custody of, or the legal guardian of \_\_\_\_\_, a minor, or am the applicant who has reached the age of majority, who has applied to Senator Barbara A. Mikulski for consideration as a nominee to a United States Service Academy; that the said individual is either my son/daughter and is my legal ward who lives with me; and that our/my domicile is

\_\_\_\_\_  
(address, including city or town and state)

2. This is in evidence thereof, I depose and say that:

I am registered as a voter in \_\_\_\_\_  
(City, County and State)

And

I file income tax returns and pay state income taxes to the State of \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date



Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
**Senator Barbara A. Mikulski**  
**60 West Street, Suite 202**  
**Annapolis, MD 21401**

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### **CHECKLIST**

This page is for your personal reference only. You may keep this page.

Have you sent?

- Applicant Contract
- Signed Affidavit of Domicile
- Signed letters of Recommendation
  - Math teacher
  - Science teacher
  - Personal
- Extra-curricular and athletic
- Official transcripts from high school or college
- Official SAT Scores from the College Testing Board - (SAT scores printed on your transcripts are not acceptable)

If your application is complete and you have an open file with the service academies of your choice, then you will be scheduled for an interview with my Service Academy Review Board. You will be notified of the date and time of your interview in writing.

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**US Military Academy**  
Director of Admissions  
600 Thayer Road  
West Point, NY 10996-9902  
[www.usma.edu](http://www.usma.edu)

**US Air Force Academy**  
HQ USAA/RRS  
USAF Academy, CO 80840-9901  
[www.usafa.af.mil](http://www.usafa.af.mil)

**US Naval Academy**  
Dean of Admissions  
117 Decatur Road  
Annapolis, MD 21402-9977  
[www.nad.navy.mil](http://www.nad.navy.mil)

**US Merchant Marine Academy**  
Admissions Office  
Steamboat Road  
Kings Point, NJ 11024-1699  
[www.usmma.edu](http://www.usmma.edu)

### **Helpful Hint !!!**

Consider the United States Coast Guard Academy! The Coast Guard Academy does not require a nomination. To obtain an application, contact:

Director of Admissions  
US Coast Guard Academy  
15 Mohegan Ave.  
New London, Connecticut 06320-4195  
1-800-883-8724

Completed applications must be received no later than 5pm November 9, 2006 in order to be considered for the class entering in July 2007.